



**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis
McHenry County College– AAS Physical Therapy Assistant¹**

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

AAS Physical Therapy Assistant: MCC program requirements and applicability toward NIU general education and/or major requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences	MCC required course	NIU Articulation	NIU Requirement satisfied
(30 credits)	AOM 135 (3)	HSCI 318-Medical Terminology	Major
	BIO 157 (4)	BIOS 208/210 – Fundamentals of Cellular Biology & Lab	GE Nature & Technology
	BIO 263 (4) & 264 (4)	BIOS 357-Human Anatomy & Physiology	Credits toward 120
	ENG 151 (3)	ENGL 103 – Rhetoric and Composition I	GE Foundational Studies
	HCE 111 (3)	N/C	N/C
	Humanities or Fine Arts (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151, 155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	PSY151 (3)	PSYC 102-Introduction to Psychology	GE Society & Culture
	SPE 151 (3)	COMS 100- Oral Communication	GE Foundational Studies
	PTA courses	N/C	N/C-UHHS proficiency credit

¹ Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS Physical Therapy Assistant at Heartland Community College and the B.S. in Health Sciences – Degree Completion emphasis in the 2018-2019 catalog and on the current NIU Articulation Handbook: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/pdf/articulation-tables/mchenry.pdf>. Curricular changes will necessitate an update in the articulation plan.

<p>Additional MCC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major requirements: can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses</p> <p>(15 credit hours)</p>	ENG 152 (3)	ENGL 203 – Rhetoric and Composition II	GE Foundational Studies & Major
	Humanities (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151, 155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement ¹	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	MAT 120 (3)	STAT 208 – Statistics	GE Foundational Studies Major
	Math or Science (3): choose from BIO 110, 130, 137, 157, 158; CHM 115, 164, 165, 166; EAS 120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG 107, 123, 220; GEL105, 110; HRT 103, 105; or PHY 280, 281, 291, 292	Nature & Technology	GE Nature & Technology
	PSY 250 (3)	HDFS 280-Human Development	GE Society & Culture/Major
<p>Proficiency Credits</p> <p><i>AAS Physical Therapy graduates who take all courses exactly as listed above will have 82 credits of MCC course work of which only 66 academic credits are applicable to 120 hours required for NIU degree. UHHS 200 and/or 300 proficiency credits will be awarded to offset this loss of hours. For MCC students with a different combination of classes, proficiency credits will be determined at time of admission to the B.S. in Health Sciences, degree completion emphasis</i></p> <p>(30 credits)</p>	AAS Physical Therapist Assistant graduates with current license & eligible to practice maximum proficiency credit allowed	UHHS 300 (30) – Experiences in HHS I	Hours toward 120 credits required for degree
<p>Major courses to be taken through NIU</p> <p><i>All online</i></p> <p>(31 credit hours)</p>	NIU Course Number	NIU Course Title	
	GERO 365 (3)	Overview of Gerontology	
	HSCI 310 (3)	Introduction to HHS	
	HSCI 350 (3)	Critical Thinking for HHS Professions	
	HSCI 410 (3)	Legal & Ethical Issues	
	HSCI 430 (3)	Working with Diverse Populations in HHS	
	HSCI 450 (3)	Administration for Professionals in HHS	
	HSCI 455 (3)	Resource Allocation in HHS	
	HSCI 460 (3)	Introduction to Research in HHS	
	HSCI 490 (1)	Capstone in Health Sciences	
	**PHHE 295 or approved elective (3)	Introduction to Public Health	
REHB 200 (3)	Disability in Society		

** MCC students are encouraged to consult with NIU Sandi Splansky, Director Academic Advising, CHHS NIU, about possible options for an approved elective to be taken at MCC.

Electives for 120 hours required for graduation: (14 credits)	Electives to meet minimum required hours at NIU can be selected by student. May be taken at MCC or NIU. Student must consult with NIU advisor prior to selecting electives. <i>Note: could be fewer if transfer credits include physical education activity credits.</i>	

Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student – refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission: <http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml>
- Completed AAS in Physical Therapy Assistant and current license
- Submit application for the B.S. in Health Sciences – degree completion emphasis, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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Academic Advising

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with the NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

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